

National Security Council Intelligence Committee
WORKING GROUP

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting
1430 Hours, 13 June 1972
DCI Conference Room, CIA Headquarters

Mr. Bronson Tweedy, D/DCI/IC, Chairman, presiding. Members present were: Mr. Andrew Marshall, NSC Staff; Dr. Ray Cline and Mr. Seymour Weiss, Department of State; Dr. Albert Hall, Lt. General Donald V. Bennett and Maj. General John H. Elder, Jr. (representing Vice Admiral John Weinell), Department of Defense; Mr. Bernard A. Wells (representing Mr. Kevin T. Maroney), Department of Justice; Dr. Edward W. Proctor and [REDACTED] 25X1A9ap
[REDACTED] 25X1A9ap representing Mr. John W. Huizenga), CIA. Others present: [REDACTED] 9ap-
[REDACTED] Executive Secretary; and Mr. Richard Curl, Department of State.

Agenda Item 1: Minutes of the 12 April Meeting

The minutes distributed on 14 April were approved without change.

Agenda Item 2: Working Group Terms of Reference

The proposed terms of reference distributed on 17 May were approved without change.

Agenda Item 3: Evaluation of intelligence support during the India/Pakistan crisis of 1971

Mr. Marshall said that this study (including his 10-page covering memorandum, a 35-page report prepared by a three-man working group, and nearly 200 pages of annexes) was expected to be ready for dissemination quite soon.

The Chairman said distribution would be made by his office and that members would have 10 days for review prior to a meeting which would be called to consider the documents.

Agenda Item 4: Evaluation of intelligence inputs to NSSM-69

A lengthy discussion of this study centered on concerns expressed by members as to the need for a clearer expression of the purpose of the exercise, for improvement in the format, and for more adequate consideration of intelligence contributions other than those reflected in the final NSSM papers. Correction of

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several inaccuracies was requested. Much of the discussion centered on the need for revisions which would make the study a more suitable vehicle for forwarding to the NSCIC the Working Group views as to the lessons which could be derived from the NSSM-69 exercise as guidance to be issued by the NSCIC to the intelligence community.

Since this will be the first evaluation submitted by the Working Group to the NSCIC, it was emphasized that every effort should be made to anticipate the critical scrutiny which can be expected.

It was agreed that the members would have two weeks in which to submit written comments on the study to the Chairman. These comments will be provided by the Chairman to Mr. Marshall and circulated to the other members.

Mr. Marshall will continue to have responsibility for the study and will accomplish a redraft for consideration by the Working Group. No deadline was set for completion of the redraft.

Agenda Item 5: Selection of the next topics for study

In view of the startup time involved, Mr. Marshall asked that the Working Group identify the evaluations it wished to undertake as follow-ons to the NSSM-69 and India/Pakistan efforts.

The discussion centered largely on pros and cons of the five topics earlier suggested by Mr. Marshall and included in the listing disseminated by the Chairman on 17 May: three "crisis studies" (Egyptian/Israeli cease-fire, [REDACTED] and the Jordanian/Fedayeen/Iraqi) and two "NSSM studies" (NSSM-128, Nuclear Test Ban Policy, and MBFR). Study of the EC-121 shootdown off Korea also was proposed.

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Both support and objections to each of the proposed study topics were expressed and, in view of the lack of consensus as to the suitability of any of the proposed evaluations, the Chairman requested that the members reconsider the matter and forward to him their proposals for other topics.

Agenda Item 6: Terms of reference for a study of the production process

Copies of Dr. Hall's letter of 24 May, proposing an audit of four selected intelligence production problems by task groups,

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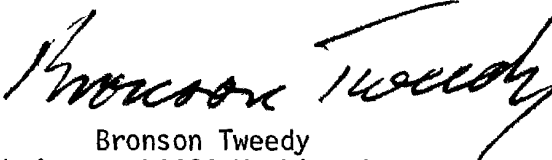
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and of Dr. Cline's outline of a "Case Study on Intelligence Production", were distributed to the members. Dr. Hall's four topics were: the Soviet anti-ship missile, French governmental behavior, logistic capability of the North Vietnamese, and Japanese economic and trade activities. Dr. Cline had suggested a study of Libya before and after the 1969 coup. Other possible topics raised during the discussion were Yugoslavia, a Latin American or African problem, or some different type of technical problem.

Discussion focused largely on the purpose to be served by such studies, the relationship of studies of this type to objectives of the evaluations already being undertaken (such as NSSM-69 and the India/Pakistan crisis), and the possible role of experts recruited from outside the government to participate in the studies. Considerable emphasis was put on the need to approach the study of the production process from a consumer-oriented viewpoint. The problems involved in withdrawing personnel already absorbed in subject areas of high current interest--such as the North Vietnamese logistic capabilities--were cited by several members.

No consensus was reached as to which problems should be examined, and the Chairman requested that each member give further thought to the matter and submit proposals to the Chairman, who will handle dissemination. It was proposed that a study outline be submitted with each recommended topic to assist in the evaluation.

The meeting adjourned at 1635 hours. Date of the next meeting will be dependent upon availability of the India/Pakistan study -- the meeting to be scheduled 10 days after dissemination of this report.


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Chairman, NSCIC Working Group

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